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REMARKS

Claims 1 through 3 and 5 through 8 stand rejected. Claim 4 has been objected to.

Claim 9 was previously cancelled. Claims 2 through 4 and 6 through 8 have been cancelled.

Claims 1 and 5 remain in the patent application. Claim 1 is in independent form.

In paragraph 11 of the above-identified office action, the Examiner stated that the

subject matter of claim 4 was patentable. The limitation of claim 4 and the limitations of the

intervening claims have been added to claim 1, rendering claim 1 allowable. Therefore, claim 1,

as amended to clarify the invention, overcomes the rejection thereto under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) and

is in condition for allowance.

Claim 1 was also objected to for a grammatical error. The error has been

corrected rendering the objection thereto moot.

Claims 2 through 4 and 6 through 8 have been cancelled with this amendment and

response. Therefore, the rejections made to these claims are rendered moot.

It is respectfully submitted that this patent application is in condition for allowance, which allowance is respectfully solicited. If the Examiner has any questions

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Respectfully submitted,

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